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(Case No. 99,371)

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In re Application of: Thomason et al.)

Serial No.: 09/391,861)

Before the Examiner: C. Stroup

Filed: September 7, 1999)

Group Art Unit: 1633

For: Fibroblast Growth Factor-Like)
Polypeptides)

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Sir/Madam:

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION MAILED JANUARY 4, 2001

Responsive to the Official Action, mailed January 4, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 2, line 11 to page 3, line 14 as follows:

The invention provides for an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3;

(b) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4;

(c) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide that is at least about 80, 85, 90, 95, 96, 97, 98, or 99 percent identical to the polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4